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**Now in our 49th Year**

**Next Club Meeting**

**Thursday, March 19, 2020**  
**at Reggie's on State Line,**  
**Arkansas side. Meeting**  
**will be at 6:30, come early**  
**and enjoy some good food**  
**from Reggie's. The Club**  
**meetings for 2020 will be**  
**held at Reggie's unless**  
**otherwise specified. Mark**  
**it on your calendar, 3rd**  
**Thursday monthly.**

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**FEBRUARY 2020**

**BY PACO RITTER**

Call to order at 6:30, 2/20/20 by President Mitchell. Motion to accept past meeting minutes and second by Gary/Sean.

Dues explanation gone over by Clay. Fact is, our dues don't come close to covering our expenses. In order to maintain a reasonable balance and stay on top of the game for future events and expenditures, the motion was made and passed to increase our dues beginning July 1, 2020 to \$200 per year. In reality, if we maintain the same membership we currently have on that date, we will be somewhere around \$300 ahead of expenditures based on several years of back figures to compare to. The raising of the dues to \$200 only nets us around \$15 per full dues paying Club member clear money above what we actually spend yearly. The only way we've stayed ahead of the curve is our swap meet and fly in profits, which have helped but are by far a Godsend to keep us solvent. Another huge contributing factor is the past two years, older Club members have passed away and we sold their RC related at our swap meet on the halves garnering us some pretty good chump change added to our coffers. I for one don't intend to be the next on the list to boost the Club's treasury with the sale of my RC stuff, so we really gotta find a way to keep up with expenditures. Short of winning the lottery, raising the dues seems to be the only answer to the question.

Richard Read posed some really good questions about Club membership and what things are planned to try to increase that level. The AMA provides a number of programs that are offered to help entice new members to come try out the RC hobby and potentially get involved. In addition, we have hand outs in the building, old RC magazines and membership forms to hand to visitors any time someone shows interest. We collectively talk to spectators who come to watch us. That has always been a plus, we get lucky and sometimes they come back for a second or third look hopefully leading to a future member. The bottom line on this \$64K question is that the future generation of kids have little or no interest in our hobby. Getting their attention is all but impossible. I would never thought it to be but having attended two different Scout O Rama's in the past recent years in an attempt to show the young boys something about the radio controlled hobby, to my surprise, we had very little attention paid to our group. Young boys that you would have thought would have swarmed us to watch RC planes and look at them. It didn't happen. After a second round of this, we gave up on the Scout O Rama and haven't been to one in a few years. It is a sad situation, but it is the reality of the times.

Address everyone who shows interest seems to be best.

**APRIL 4-5: GRIZZLEY BEAR IMAC CONTEST**

Contact: RICK CROW

Location: 742 Industrial Rd El Dorado AR 71730

**APRIL 11: RICHARDSON RADIO CONTROL CLUB 4TH ANNUAL BIG BIRD, WAR BIRD, ANY BIRD FUN FLY EVENT**

Contact: HAROLD WALSH

Location: 6556 Farm to Market Road 546 Princeton TX 75407

**APRIL 25-26: 6TH ANNUAL SHREVEPORT IMAC CHALLENGE**

Contact: CAMBIZE SHAHRDAR

Location: 6825 Hwy 71 North Shreveport LA 71107

**MAY 2-3: JOHN GUNN OPEN INVITATIONAL STUNT CONTEST**

Contact: JASON CUNNINGHAM

Location: 736 Industrial Rd El Dorado AR 71730

**MAY 9-10: WES BLAIR TEXAS SCALE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020**

Contact: Lawrence HARVILLE

Location: 6903 Randol Mill RD Fort Worth TX 76120

**MAY 16: CEDAR CREEK FUN FLY & SWAP MEET**

Contact: BILLY CAMPBELL

Location: 8017 County Road 1201 Malakoff TX 75148-7501

**MAY 22-23: MAD DOG MEMORIAL WAR BIRD CLASSIC**

Contact: TODD JACKSON

Location: 892 Buckhorn Bend Loop Rd Monroe LA 71202

**MAY 23: MEMORIAL WEEKEND FUN FLY**

Contact: JORGE CALDERON

Location: 2014 E Church St Barling AR 72923

**MAY 22-23: NORTHWEST SPRING PATTERN OPENER**

Contact: WILLIAM BOWEN

Location: 742 Industrial Rd El Dorado AR 71730

**JUNE 4-7: S.M.A.L.L.**

Contact: PAVEL PLECHACEK

Location: 855 Arkansas River Trail Mayflower AR 72106

**JUNE 5-7: 6TH ANNUAL TUFF FUN FLY/TAILGATE SWAP**

Location: 3463 Corporate Drive Tyler TX 75702

**JUNE 11-14: SUMMER OF FUN FLY 2020**

Contact: CLAY RICKS

Location: 172729 North 2910 Road Duncan OK 73533

**JUNE 13-14: LOST SQUADRON IMAC**

Contact: DALE WOMACK

Location: 7158 Lost Squadron Dr Wrightsville AR 72183

**JUNE 13: SPRING LAND AND FLOAT FLY**

Contact: BRUCE ACKERMAN

Location: 1010 FM 2199 Scottsville TX 75672

**AUGUST 14-15: WAR BIRDS FOR WARRIORS**

Location: 6825 Hwy 71 North Shreveport LA 71107

**AUGUST 15: FUN FLY FOR CHARITY**

Contact: HARDIE JEFFERIES

Location: 2014 E Church St Barling AR 72923

**SEPTEMBER 5: TEXOMA RC MODELERS WAR BIRD & BIG BIRD**

Contact: DAVID TAYLOR

Location: 734 Logston Road Sherman TX 75092

**SEPTEMBER 18-19: FLOYD MCCARTY MEMORIAL FLY IN**

Location: 892 Buckhorn Bend Loop Rd Monroe LA 71202

**SEPTEMBER 19: CEDAR CREEK FUN FLY & SWAP MEET**

Contact: BILLY CAMPBELL

Location: 8017 County Road 1201 Malakoff TX 75148-7501

Tony Johnson brought up the all too well known fact that if we raise our dues, we will lose membership. That is pretty well a given. It will certainly clear out the "occasional" flyer, those who spend more time visiting than flying.

Those who are seriously interested in the hobby, while their money does not grow on trees, they seem more likely to place their priorities and save for the dues to stay involved in the hobby than those that just occasionally dabble in the hobby. Yes, it is getting expensive to stay in this hobby. But almost anything you do for a pastime will cost you more than you thought it would.

There was some round house discussion about possible increase in fly ins hosted by our Club also. I don't see another 4 day event taking place but a one or two day event later in the year, possible electric event could come to pass. We have an overwhelming majority of electrics in our Club now. Those that lean toward that type aircraft may choose to belly up to the bar and have a full blown electric event. It could be done and those who do not fly electric would help put it on as a Club sponsored event. We could make it happen if there was enough interest.

Treasurer Hartline gave us a money report and we are roughly on par with other years at this time. We have begun to purchase items for our Annual Fly In event happening April 23-26 so our coffers reflect some money gone toward that already.

After some spirited discussion over the dues (no one contested the fact that we are going to be forced to increase our dues) we all came together as a Club should and voted to increase the dues accordingly so we can remain on top of our game. We made it happen beginning July 1, 2020 so start saving for it.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

(WEATHER PERMITTING)  
**WORK DAY AT THE FIELD  
ON SATURDAY AT 10:00.  
(SATURDAY AFTER OUR  
MEETING THIS WEEK) IF  
THE RAIN SLOWS DOWN.  
BRING SHOVELS, RAKES,  
WHEEL BARROWS TO  
MOVE A LOAD OF SAND  
FROM A PILE BY THE PORT  
A POTTI TO THE HOG IN-  
CURRED MESS MOSTLY ON  
THE NORTH END OF THE  
FIELD. WE NEED TO GET  
THIS DONE ASAP SO IT  
HAS TIME TO POSSIBLY  
GRASS OVER SOMEWHAT  
BEFORE OUR FLY IN.  
THERE WILL BE A WHEEL  
BARROW, RAKES AND  
SHOVELS LEFT IN THE  
BUILDING IN THE EVENT  
NICE WEATHER ALLOWS  
FOR FLYING. BEFORE YOU  
GET AIRBORNE, A WHEEL  
BARROW LOAD OR TWO OF  
SAND SPREAD WOULD BE  
GREAT WAY TO MAKE THE  
BIG PILE GET SMALLER  
THE ROUGH GROUND  
MADE SMOOTHER. YOUR  
HELP IN THIS MATTER  
WOULD BE GREATLY AP-  
PRECEIATED. WE CAN DO  
IT IF WE WORK TOGETHER.**

## FLYING FIELD RULES

1. Safety First: all applicable AMA safety rules apply.
2. All flying members must have an AMA membership (insurance)
3. Spectators must remain behind the safety fence at all times.
4. All non 2.4GHz transmitters must have frequency ID tags.
5. The frequency control board will be utilized by all non-2.4GHz flyers.
6. No flying will be done west of the pilot line, over the pits, spectator area or parking lot.
7. Pilots must stand at a pad except when taking off or landing.
8. Announce your intentions before walking from the pilot stations, taking off or landing or emergency situations.
9. Minimize your time east of the pilot stations and in the flight area in the event you must be on the runway or on the flight line.
10. Starting and running up of engines should be done outside of the pit area and with aircraft restrained.
11. All engines 0.10ci and over must have an engine muffler.
12. Aircraft must not be taxied in the pit area or toward any person.
13. Pre-flight check of all aircraft before take off.



## CLUB INFORMATION — TEXARKANA RADIO CONTROL FLYING CLUB

The Texarkana R/C Flying Club was formed in 1972 for the purpose of promoting model aviation and to establish a flying site for modelers in the Texarkana area. The club is chartered by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) which is located in Muncie, Indiana. By being a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, a member has liability insurance and competition privileges as well as belonging to a national support group. AMA Members also receive a national monthly magazine, MODEL AVIATION, the official publication of the AMA. Club membership is open to anyone interested in model aviation and the

purpose of our club. Due to insurance stipulations and demands of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, membership in the AMA is required of club members and guest who participate in flying activities at our flying site. Prospective members and visitors are welcome. Our flying site is located at Lake Wright Patman, adjacent to the Oak Park picnic area. This is about a mile north of the spillway on the road in front of the dam. Saturday and Sunday afternoons are the most popular times for flying activities and spectators are always welcome. Model aviation is a great sport/hobby that is enjoyed by over

125,000 people in the USA and by many more thousands internationally. Competitive events and 'Fly-Ins' are very popular throughout the country during the year. The AMA National competition is held at the AMA National Flying Center in Muncie, Indiana during July and August of each year.

<http://www.trcfc.org>

### Dues and Fee Schedule for New Members

*Per TRCFC Constitution Article IV*

JOINING:	OPEN MEMBER	JUNIOR MEMBER	ASSOCIATE MEMBER
	AGES: 19 or more	18 or less	Non Flying
BETWEEN JULY 1 AND DEC 31	\$100.00	\$15.00	\$25.00
BETWEEN JAN 1 AND JUNE 30	\$50.00	\$7.50	\$12.50
LONG DISTANCE MEMBERSHIP:	\$35.00/YEAR	(OVER 50 MILES AWAY, OCCASIONAL FLYER, )	
80YRS OR OVER NON FLYING:	FREE, NO COST		
	MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM JULY 1ST OF THIS YEAR UNTIL JUNE 30TH OF NEXT YEAR.		

Pro-rated half year fee for NEW MEMBERS ONLY. If you were a Club member in the previous 18 months you do not qualify for the pro-rated fee. You will be required to pay full membership as any returning Club member has done.

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

To join the Texarkana R/C Flying Club or to renew your membership, please cut out and fill in this form, enclose a check made payable to The Texarkana R/C Flying Club, and mail to:

**TEXARKANA R/C FLYING CLUB**  
**P.O. BOX 731**  
**NASH, TX 75569**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AMA Number: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### AMA Dues (required for flying members)

**ADULT MEMBER OVER 19 as of July 1, 2018: \$75 PER YEAR**  
**SENIOR MEMBER 65 or over AS OF JULY 1, 2018: \$65 PER YEAR**  
**EXTRA FAMILY MEMBER LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD: \$38 PER YEAR**  
**YOUTH MEMBER UNDER 19 AS OF JULY 1, 2018: FREE**  
**PARK PILOT 19 AND OVER AS OF JULY 1, 2018: \$38 PER YEAR**

For more information, go to: <http://www.modelaircraft.org/>